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Representation from National Tannary Shramik Employees Union

3181. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received representation from National Tannary Shramik and Employees Union (CITU), Calcutta urging for immediate constitution of Board of Directors to manage the affairs of the Comany in view of demise of J.G. Kumaramangalam; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Memorandum regarding Sarabhai Group of Companies

3182. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 22nd August, 1987 was submitted to the Ministry of Industry by the All India Confederation of Mercantile and Commercial Employees, Calcutta;

(b) whetther the said memorandum dealt with the problems of the Sarabhai group of pharmaceutical companies and its employees;

(c) if so, what are the salient features of the memorandum;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to solve the problems mentioned in the said memorandum; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Sarabhai group of companies manufacture life saving drugs; if so, whether Government have given priority to sort out the problems listed in the memorandum in view of country's need for life saving drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The memorandum related to the state of affairs in Sarabhai group of companies. It was, *inter-alia*, stated that the companies of Sarabhai group were amalgamated into one corporate entity in 1977, but subsequently split into three specialised autonomous companies, that the group which was one of the fastest growing business house ranking sixth in the list of top 20 industrial houses was struggling for survival and that there was danger to the job security of workers. It was requested that Government should intervene in the affiairs of Sarabhai group